



# Trinity Trumpet

SUMMER 2017



Rev. Meghan Holland

## From the Rector's Desk...

### Snapshots of Israel

While I don't want to completely recap the trip for those of you that attended my forum, I thought I would share some pictures and comments from my trip to the Holy Land in July. Trust me when I say, Trinity was in my heart during this entire trip. I couldn't wait to come back and tell you all about it!

**Day 1:** Arrived in Tel Aviv and drove to St. George's Guest House in Jerusalem. Jet lag level: 100%

**Day 2:** Visit Mt. Scopus and look over the Judean Desert + Hike up the Herodium to check out that crazy king's palace. The views were fabulous. Hiking in the desert while jet lagged... not as fabulous.

**Day 3:** Sunday! Time for church. After a pre-sunrise visit to the Holy Sepulcher... We attended St. Andrew's in Ramallah. The liturgy was celebrated in English and Arabic. Then we went back to the Holy Sepulcher to check it out WITH the crowds. Not quite as holy an experience...

**Day 4:** The Western Wall / The Dome of the Rock / Shepherd's Field / Bethlehem. An insane day that started incredibly early, as you need to get to the Western Wall early to avoid crowds. A fireplace grate with candles behind it is the spot in the Church of the Nativity where tradition says the manger was. You have to crawl down into a low alcove.

**Day 5:** Another early morning. (Seeing a theme?) Arrived at the Wadi Quelt (the desert road from Jericho to Jerusalem) before sunrise, for obvious reasons. I got to celebrate the Eucharist in the middle of the desert. Then a quick cable car up to the Mt. of Temptation. After that, we left for Nazareth and visited some sites there.



Caesarea Phillipi - Day 6

**Day 6:** Sepphoris / Zippori / Caesarea Phillipi - AKA, my favorite day and the subject of a recent sermon! Also, the second hottest day.

**Day 7:** Sea of Galilee / Jordan River / Capernaum. We renewed our baptismal vows in the Jordan River, celebrated Eucharist at the site of the Feeding of the 5000, walked around ancient Capernaum, walked on water in the Sea of Galilee, and meditated on a boat. That night, we also go to visit an archaeological site in Nazareth that you had to KNOW someone in order to see - complete with first century tombs. Closed to the public. Very cool.

**Day 8:** Burquin (where Jesus healed the 10 lepers) / Nablus (the Samaritan woman at the well) / Taybeh (where there is an awesome brewery)

**Day 9:** The Garden of Gethsemane / Mary's Tomb / Caiaphas' palace (now St. Peter in Gallicantu - the "crowing rooster") AND a miserably hot day at the Dead Sea. (Not pictured, as I look miserable and sweaty in every picture!)



View from the Herodium - Day 2

Continued...

## Snapshots of Israel...

**Day 10:** Via Dolorosa and the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Israel Museum. We did not get to do the Via Dolorosa. Our guide, an Arab Christian, was not allowed into the Old City that day by the Israeli police. Rather than going by ourselves (tourists were allowed in) we opted to stay with our friend and find another way to carry the cross in the Holy Land. It let the air out of our tires considerably on that last day, but it was a powerful memory to take with us.



Israel Museum - Day 10

There you have it! There were some travel days that I didn't include (not to mention a cancelled flight that left me temporarily stranded in NYC.) But as I mentioned before, Trinity was with me the whole time. I couldn't wait to transform this amazing experience into sermons and classes and ministry. And I hope that I can bring some of you back with me next time!



## Trinity's Love in Action

Kendall Welsh - Outreach Ministry Chair

### Trinity's Love in Action

Trinity Episcopal celebrated the second Trinity's Love in Action Sunday July 30, 2017. Every fifth Sunday Trinity focuses on outreach and ministry in the world by holding the 10 a.m. Eucharist either off campus or on campus. July's fifth Sunday we stayed at Trinity and had the opportunity to experience the educational parts of our Outreach & Christian Education programs. First, we had the opportunity to hear a few words from Amanda Dalrymple, one of the teachers from Trinity's Prep for Kindergarten Program. Amanda shared her goals while working with the students enrolled in the program this year as well as the years past. Amanda explained some of the challenges these students (and teachers) have experienced as well as the successes made over the past three years of this program. The staff and volunteers are excited for the future of Trinity's Preparation for Kindergarten. Each parishioner had the opportunity to visit four stations.



1. Mark Hunter lead a group writing that day's Prayers of the People. The prayers the group wrote were lovely and enlightening. Thank you to all who participated, giving us lovely prayers to enjoy and reflect upon.
2. Prep for Kindergarten classroom, where Amanda and Bob Houston were on hand to answer questions about the program, and everyone got the opportunity to view the video of the program in action. Special thanks to Bethany for putting that together for us. (We will also post that video to Trinity's Facebook page so everyone can see it, if you didn't make it to Love In Action). Participants also wrote encouraging notes which will be sent to the students who graduated from the past Prep for Kindergarten program.
3. A F.U.E.L. station was set up in the Youth Group room where parishioners filled bags with non-perishable food for the children who attend Byrns Darden Elementary. Participants learned that there may be times that the small bag of food is the only food a child may receive during the weekend. For only \$8 a week or \$260 a year, you can provide for 1 child.
4. Liz Holt did a marvelous job filling all the adults with the wonder and joy that flows from the curriculum for Godly Play. For those who attended Liz's "Books of the Bible" lesson were amazed at the beauty and simplicity of the language as well as the props/tools used with Godly Play. If you were not able to make it down to see for yourself, ask any one of the Godly Play volunteers, they will LOVE to share this wonderful program.



5. Many brought in books for Byrns Darden Elementary. The library hosted these book donations where those who wished to, wrote encouraging notes to the students in these donated books.

The next Love In Action is **October 29**, we are all excited to see what happens!

# Preparation for Kindergarten Program - Summer 2017

Thommy Barbeauld - Committee Member



This year marks the third time Trinity held the Prep for Kindergarten Program. This year, we helped over a dozen rising kindergarteners in our community prepare for their first year school. Led by Amanda Dalrymple, Milly Balthrop, Crystal Liberatore and Bob Houston, students engaged in a rigorous three-week program. This program included work on letters, numbers, and sight words. Students also had the experience of music class where they were taught about classical musicians and received hands on experience playing instruments, thanks to Elaine Martin, this year's music teacher. This year students also went on field trips once a week

to learn about the community in which they live. Students explored the Customs House museum, interacted and purchased items from an ice cream truck, and listened to a police officer explain his vital role in keeping people safe. Most importantly, the students learned the proper behavior that is needed to be successful in school. Students learned how to walk in line quietly, raise their hands to answer questions during circle time, interact positively with their peers, and complete work independently. Several members of Trinity's parish helped behind the scenes to make this event a success. Parishioners cooked meals, cleaned the parish hall/cafeteria, and volunteered as classroom aides. We hope our students are doing well in their regular placed schools and have brought the skills they learned at Trinity with them.



## Trinity Youth Group

### Summer Mission Trip to Queens, NY

Trinity's Youth Group traveled to Queens, NY for their mission trip in July. Leaving Nashville on July 23, the seven youth and three adult chaperones drove to Harrisburg, PA and stayed the night at St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral. From there they drove on into Queens, NY to start their mission program. During the next four days, the youth of Trinity planned and lead kids programming for the children in the Queens community, including Bible lessons, games, crafts and reading. They also worked with a local soup kitchen.

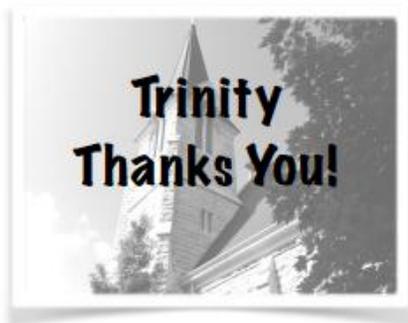


## Vacation Bible School: Explore Faith, Fun & Outer Space

In preparation and celebration of this summer's solar eclipse, Trinity's Vacation Bible School theme focused on the exploration of space and the solar eclipse through Bible Stories, games and crafts.



On behalf of ALL of Trinity Episcopal Parish  
we would like to say "thanks" to:



**THOSE WHO HELP TO KEEP OUR FLOWER BEDS WATERED:** Brian Schafer, Adam Fleming and Phil Harpel.

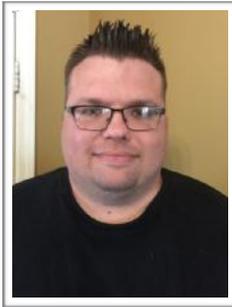
**PREP FOR KINDERGARTEN STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS:** Amanda Dalrymple, Milly Balthrop, Crystal Liberatore, and Bob Houston; our classroom volunteers-Shirley Hood, Jeanie Northington, and Shirley Hood; our meal volunteers – Daisy Crowley, Debbie Leighton, Jan Hodgson, Sherrie Kimball, Greg and Kristen Hershey, Merrilee Laugeness, Nancy Gibson, Meg Smith, Ryleigh Welsh, Bellemy Welsh, Kathy Murray, Tracy Hoard, and Brian Schafer; and to Bethany for the power point presentation

shown to parents Friday and to the congregation during Trinity's Love in Action Sunday.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS:** Lauren Kelly, Bellemy Welsh, Ryleigh Welsh, Lisa Mejeun, Lisa and Rick Bishop, Anna Kowalski, Matthew Kowalski, Sarah Holt, Jack Holt, Harrison Holt, Scotty Dean, Carter Dean, Bob Houston, Murray Dale Watts, and Belle Tackett. Katie Dean and Justi Bates for leading and coordinating.

## New(er) Faces at Trinity

### **Rex Cummings, Youth Minister**



Rex will be working with Trinity's youth (middle to high school) Wednesday evenings, two Sundays a month and special events. After spending his childhood in Warren, Ohio, Rex joined the Army right out of high school. After 10 years, and three deployments (twice to Afghanistan and once to Iraq), he decided to settle in Clarksville with his wife and daughter and become a full-time college student as well as stay-at-home dad. He earned his Bachelors of Science degree in Health and Wellness and another in Industrial/Organizational psychology. He has worked with the youth of Christ Lutheran Church since July 2016 and enjoys spending time with his family, playing PS4 or XBOX One. He is a geek/nerd at heart whose heroes include Gambit, Batman, The Joker, The Incredible Hulk, and the Punisher.

### **Kelly Loy, Nursery Staff**



Kelly has been married to a retired Army Scout for 18 years and have lived here in Clarksville since 2007. Kelly is originally from southern California, and her husband James is from Murray, KY. Kelly home schools all her children, but the baby. She also currently co-leads for the nursery in the local homeschool co-op.

### **Cortney Grisham, Nursery Staff**



Cortney Grisham, a Nashville native, is a full time student at Austin Peay State University where she studies public health and finance. After graduation, Cortney hopes to open an oral health clinic abroad for adolescents. In her free time, she enjoys volunteering and working with children.

Feel free to stop by the nursery and youth group room  
Wednesday evenings or Sunday mornings to introduce  
yourself and meet our wonderful new staff!

# Trinity Happenings Summer 2017

## Trinity Sunday



### Father's Day @ Trinity



### Backpack Blessing



### Vestry Retreat



## Notes from Behind The Cross

### Reflections On a New Year (albeit half over)

Jerry Knickerbocker

A few years back there was a house that sat in the middle of the projected air route that German bombers might take to bomb our nation's capital. WWII strategists had drawn this projected route as the one most likely in the event that such an attack might actually occur. German air fields were not that far away if the aircraft were to take the great circle route. All the knowing people in the War Department agreed that this could possibly be the route they might take. Hitler's war machine was a real and feared entity. That realization and fear was felt in my family and despite my young years, I felt it also.

To counteract this threat, Air Raid Wardens living and operating near the Canadian-US border were instructed in how to recognize the size of an aircraft by listening to the sound of its engines. Once skilled in this discipline the Wardens could accurately tell how big the aircraft was by ascertaining the number of engines, by listening to their sound. Large multi-engine aircraft were always suspect. In daylight the problem was not difficult but this skill was to be put to work in the dead of night. My Father, being too old for the military in WWII, was one of these Wardens. His station, from dark until dawn, was on the top of Ethan Allen Tower in Ethan Allen Park, about two miles north of our home. There he stood his post, listening to all aircraft that flew within earshot of the tower. Once the identification of a large aircraft was made the results were phoned in to Albany, New York, via a direct phone line in the tower, and Albany took the event for action. Not very often but once in a while a suspect aircraft was identified: The call would be made and Albany would investigate. Aircraft "Scramble" lines at Army Air Corps bases were a thing of the future but concerns were of the now and the nation was on the alert.

That was in the 1942 – 1944 era, relaxing only when the German threat to our homeland was downgraded. This was a period of coming together for families as well as our nation. Almost all citizens were in step with the war effort and those who were not were few. Now it is 2017. What does 2017 hold for us and what can we learn from those war years when the United States felt so threatened? Just as the peace of 1945 marked a new beginning for our nation, so 2017 mark a new beginning for all of us:

- As Episcopalians we are in a new Church year. One that foresees many positive things for Trinity and its Communicants.
- As citizens of the City of Clarksville and Montgomery County we are well represented, on both sides of the aisle, in city, county and state government.
- Our County has a growing number of new projects that are in the mill:
  - ✦ Downtown Commons is well under construction with plans to open November 2017.
  - ✦ Beginning the process for Computer Aided Dispatch system for EMS.
  - ✦ And there will be a new EMS station under construction.
- As Tennesseans we can be very proud of the representatives in Congress, our growing universities, trade schools and local schools. Educational testing results, published in December of 2016, list Clarksville Schools at or near the top in the state.

So what's the message in all this?

There have been many times in our history, both nationally and individually, that it has been difficult to see any light at the end of the tunnel. The inheritors of the 1945 peace didn't know it but they, with their very positive attitudes, built a country that we can all be proud of. Because of the long lasting positive benefits of that energy, many who were not even born until more recent times, have been the beneficiaries of that energy. So, we in 2017 have the same opportunity. There is a song from WWI times that goes like this; "Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag and smile, smile smile....." With that advice in our minds and God in our lives, can we do any less?



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